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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dennis MENDIOLA et al.

Serial No.: 09/928,433

Filed: August 14, 2001.

For: INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM  
AND METHOD FOR REMOTE  
NETWORKS USING A  
SEQUENTIAL MESSAGE  
HANDSHAKING PROTOCOL

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, after the title:

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional application  
60/227,911, filed August 28, 2000.

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**REMARKS**

By this amendment, Applicants amend the benefit of priority to add U.S.  
provisional application 60/227,911, filed August 28, 2000.

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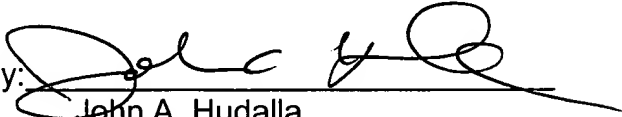
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Respectfully submitted,

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